

"Happy Mothers/ Fathers Day!" - NeoPopRealist greeting card for all grades - art lesson plan

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## Art Lesson Plan

### Creating a Greeting Card "Happy Mothers Day!"

### or "Happy Fathers Day!"

inspired by Nadia Russ/ NeoPopRealism

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**Grades:** adaptable to all grades: elementary, middle, high school

**Subject:** Art: NeoPopRealism ink pen/ pattern drawing: a greeting card "Happy Mother's Day!" or "Happy Father's Day!"

Creating of the NeoPopRealist greeting card for Mother/Father Days will be the way of self expression through art, challenging sense of harmony and imagination as well as a studying of the NeoPopRealism art with its philosophy for happier life. This art lesson plan breaks down complications of the creative process to the level, when NeoPopRealism concept could be understood by every one.



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#### Description:

Students will draw a greeting card "Happy Mother's Day!" or "Happy Father's Day!" using a line and different imaginative repetitive patterns. This lesson plan focuses on the step-by-step building balanced composition. This lesson plan takes inspiration from Nadia RUSS' art and NeoPopRealism drawing style that she created in 1989. Students will be able to define the terms "NeoPopRealism" and "meditative ink pen pattern drawing" and differentiate it from Realism and other styles approaches.

#### Goals:

Students will learn:

- about NeoPopRealism and this style creator Nadia Russ, see <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>]
- about the Mother's Day (or Father's Day)
- to draw NeoPopRealist letters and a heart, adding to the realistic drawing the imaginative elements, such as repetitive patterns
- to create the balancing composition

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#### Materials:

-Cardstock white paper 8.5"x11"

-Ink pen black 0.7mm

-Colored ink pens (or markers)

-Scissors



#### Lesson Plan - Motivation:

In this lesson, you teach how to make the realistic and imaginative at the same time image of a greeting card "Happy Mother's Day!" (or "Happy Father's Day!"), an original NeoPopRealism ink pen pattern drawings on a small scale with the elements of humour. The technique is appropriate for students of Kindergarten and up - elementary, middle and high school. It's also suitable for adults to make NeoPopRealism greeting cards "Happy Mothers Day!" (or "Happy Father's Day!").

Display some of Nadia RUSS' art posters/prints in the classroom or show her work online. Have a presentation ready to students.

In this lesson, you explore briefly the history of Mother's Day or Father's Day.

#### Lesson Plan - Background and Historical Information:

Nadia RUSS is a Ukrainian-born Russian painter/ graphic artist living in the USA. She is famous for innovative NeoPopRealism and meditative ink pattern drawing style. Instead of careful copying reality - wild life or human figure, Nadia RUSS creates her artwork using imagination. As Nadia RUSS experimented and developed her distinctive techniques, her art became more symbolic. For her NeoPopRealism ink pen / pattern drawing she uses mostly white paper and black ink pen - <http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>].

How did Nadia RUSS develop her unique and original style NeoPopRealism? RUSS had studied classical drawing and composition since she was a child, but later she found herself drawn to produce more imaginative artwork. In 1989, she created NeoPopRealism art style and ink pattern drawing concept: line creates sections; then, these section filled with different repetitive patterns, some section should be left blank. If artwork made on canvas using color paints and brushes, then, it will be a combination of sections filled with hot and cold color paint, partly with patterns. In 1990, Nadia RUSS exhibited her first ink/ pattern drawings in a group exhibition in Moscow's famous Manege. Later, she exhibited her artwork in art galleries. In 1996, she moved to the Bahamas, where her artwork gained special brightness. In 2000, she came to the USA, where she lives till present. Nadia Russ created a term "NeoPopRealism" January 4, 2003. Same year, she manifested her new style of visual arts NeoPopRealism internationally. In 2004, RUSS created NeoPopRealism 10 canons for happier life. In 2006-2007, several US and European museums collected Nadia RUSS' artworks and they are now part of permanent collections.

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Mick Jagger, Nadia Russ, ink pen/ paper, NeoPopRealism, 1994

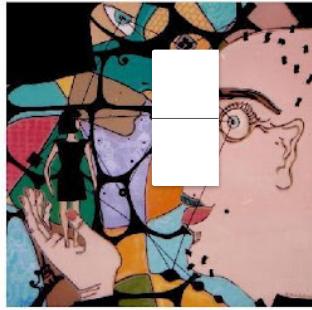
NeoPopRealism ink pen/ pattern drawing is meditative. The meditative state of mind is the highest state in which our mind can exists. When students draw NeoPopRealism ink patterns their mind is open for renewal. This art style's creator Nadia Russ explains NeoPopRealism pattern drawing as the work from within, when artist expresses his/her inner world. You need no eraser because if a 'mistake' made it would disappear with the

following repetitive patterns that would balance the whole composition and would make a 'mistake' invisible.

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NADIA RUSS, THE GAME, 1997

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In 2014, NeoPopRealism was 25! A little bit of history. The Bahamas TV, Channel 13:

Nadia Russ' NeoPopRealist Art Exhibit in 1997:

Bahamas TV, Channel 13: Na...



Also read what newspapers worldwide have written about Nadia Russ' Artwork (click and scroll down in the following website): <http://neopoprealismjournal.wikifoundry.com/page/NeoPopRealism>  
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**The Mother's Day** is a celebration honoring mothers and motherhood. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in March, April or May. Mother's Day is an American invention. It is not directly descended from the many celebrations of mothers and motherhood that have occurred throughout the world over thousands of years, such as the Roman festival of Hilaria, the Greek cult to Cybele, or the Christian Mothering Sunday celebration. Despite this, in some countries Mother's Day has become synonymous with these older traditions.

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a

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recognized holiday in the USA. Although she was successful in 1914, she was disappointed with its commercialization by the 1920s. Jarvis' holiday was adopted by other countries and it is now celebrated all over the world. In this tradition, each person offers a gift, card, or remembrance toward their mothers, grandmothers, and/or maternal figure on mother's day.

**The Father's Day** was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting. After the success obtained by Anna Jarvis with the promotion of Mother's Day in the US, some wanted to create similar holidays for other family members, and Father's Day was the choice most likely to succeed. Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. It did not have much success initially. In the 1920s, Dodd stopped promoting the celebration because she was studying in the Art Institute of Chicago, and it faded into relative obscurity, even in Spokane. In the 1930s Dodd returned to Spokane and started promoting the celebration again, raising awareness at a national level. Since 1938 she had the help of the Father's Day Council, founded by the New York Associated Men's Wear Retailers to consolidate and systematize the commercial promotion. Americans resisted the holiday during a few decades, perceiving it as just an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day, and newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic attacks and jokes. By the mid 1980s the Father's Council wrote that "(...)

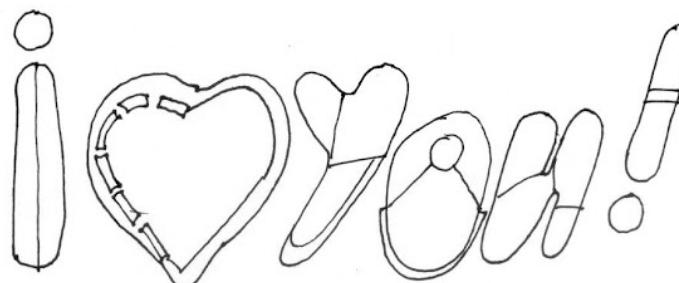
[Father's Day] has become a 'Second Christmas' for all the men's gift-oriented industries. A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

In addition to Father's Day, International Men's Day is celebrated in many countries on November 19 for men and boys who are not fathers.

#### Procedure:

##### Day 1:

1. Introduce Nadia RUSS' life (<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/> [<http://neopoprealismblackwhiteink.blogspot.com/>]) and NeoPopRealism style of visual arts to students. Compare Nadia Russ' ink/pattern drawing and pencil drawings by old masters such as Leonardo DaVinci. Discuss how they are similar and different.
2. Explore with students briefly the subject of the Mother's Day or Father's Day and the celebration.
3. Demonstrate how to create a greeting card and how to draw step-by-step an image of a greeting card "Happy Mother's Day!" or "Happy father's Day!"- NeoPopRealism ink pen / pattern images of letters and a heart - starting with the contour/shapes and ending with the drawing of the repetitive patterns. Demonstrate/ explain how the different repetitive patterns can change an image's character and meaning.



Greeting card "Happy Mother's Day!" - step-by-step NeoPopRealism ink pen / pattern drawing

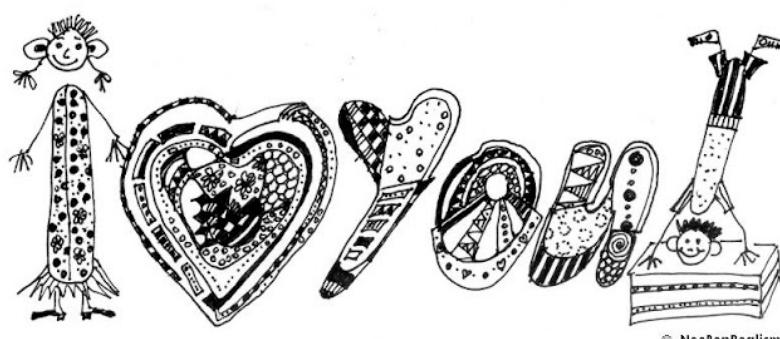


Repetitive patterns used in a greeting card "Happy Mother's Day"

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Ask students to draw the realistic part of their greeting card - the letters and a heart "I love/heartl You!" on a piece of a folded thick paper (see above). Then. ask students to Dynamic Views theme. Powered by Blogger.



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**3. Day 2:** Continue teaching the drawing of a greeting card "Happy Mother's Day!" or "Happy Father's Day!"- repetitive patterns. Students focus on creating of imaginative repetitive patterns, filling with them sections of letters and of a heart. Drawing of the repetitive patterns and combining them develop the feeling of the balanced composition. It is also the meditative process. When students draw the patterns, they use imagination, it is unconscious process. Meditation improves the learning abilities.

When they finish their drawing process, offer students discuss NeoPopRealism art style and compare their work.

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#### Follow-up activities:

View Nadia Russ' NeoPopRealism artwork online and discuss NeoPopRealism ink pen pattern drawing style.

Discuss a few artists who invented the new styles of visual arts and were their top representatives:

Monet - Impressionism,

Dali - Surrealism, Picasso - Cubism,

Andy Warhol and Jasper Johns - Pop Art,

Jeff Koons - Neo-Pop,

Nadia Russ - NeoPopRealism.

**NeoPopRealism** in its core is deep and psychological, it expresses through the artistic medium the human's feelings and emotions.

#### \*NEOPREALISM CURIOSITY QUEST\*

1 Who created the NeoPopRealism art style and its concept?

- NADIA RUSS ([www.nadiaruss.com](http://www.nadiaruss.com))

2 When and where Nadia Russ created the NeoPopRealism art concept and style?

- IN 1989, IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA

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3 When and where Nadia Russ created a term 'Neoprealism'?

- JANUARY 4, 2003, IN FLORIDA, USA

4 When and where Nadia Russ was born?

- DECEMBER 13, 1959, IN TOWN KONOTOP, EX-USSR

5 Where Nadia Russ primarily lived before coming to the USA?

- 1979-1996, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

6 Where Nadia Russ resided in 1996-2000?

- FREEPORT, BAHAMAS

7 When and where Nadia Russ began exhibiting her artwork?

- IN 1990, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

8 When and where Nadia Russ exhibited her ink/paper graphic artwork for the first time?

- IN 1990, IN A FAMOUS MANEGE IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA

9 How the NeoPopRealism art style connected to music and particularly Jazz?

- Creating the NeoPopRealism artwork is like playing Jazz on paper, using the visual arts tools. It uses the visual 'syncopation' just like in Jazz music.

10 What is NeoPopRealism?

- NeoPopRealism is the graphic arts style, which combines the brightness, simplicity, and complexity at the same time, while using a NeoPopRealist artwork is a window into its creator's intellectuality because it reflects their intellectual state. The creator, who is a NeoPopRealist, must also be a Visual Mathematician.. The artists with higher IQ will be able to 'architect' their NeoPopRealism artworks.

